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Missouri Southern head coach Amy Townsend and her Lady Lions received their first win since January on Monday night against Lincoln.
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Student body rises to occasion

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS/DESIGN EDITOR

If Missouri Southern's 81-68 victory over Lincoln University Monday night at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium wasn't entertaining enough, Jeremy Walker, Juan Tabb, and Damian Purse were.

From the tip-off of what seemed to be just another routine day of going through the motions, the three Southern football players attracted much of the crowd's attention. "Student interaction is very important," Walker said. "First of all, it motivates our players and is a big distraction for the visiting team. Sometimes they get so distracted that the coach has to take them out of the game."

Student LifeBeat



These special feature stories are designed specifically for you—the students. If you have any suggestions, please call 625-7311.

Walker and Purse were later joined by Tabb on the front two rows of Southern's rekindled student section and began to hunt for prey.

After Lincoln guard Mike Bullard cashed a bullet from downtown, it was apparent they had chosen their victim. That was until forward Corey Moore was noticed.

"Cooooorey, Cooooorey," they yelled as he trotted up the court.

What usually would be ignored by an opposing team member was noticeably taking its toll on the 6-foot-7 junior. As Southern built upon an 11-point lead, Moore desperately attempted to make a big play and prove to Southern fans he was not the joke they made him out to be.

He swatted at the ball and came up with air, mishandled a pass, and was rejected quite fiercely—right in front of the student body section.

"Oh my goodness, oh my goodness," Tabb yelled. "Are you on scholarship?"

Throughout the game, it was more apparent that this fearsome threesome had taken Moore out of his game.

It was different for Bullard, however. They heckled him about his afro and bad-

gered him about his unusual 200-pound frame, which is large for a guard.

Bullard responded. He looked up in the stands toward the loud student fans.

In the second half, he drove to the basket with his shoulder down and bucked 6-9 center Matt Olson in the eye and sent him to the ground hard.

"This isn't a boxing match," Tabb yelled. "You're not a fullback."

Tabb, who plays fullback for the football Lions, performed for Southern fans during timeouts as well. He, Walker, and Purse danced to whatever music was playing and assisted Southern's cheerleaders with their own renditions.

Tabb even put together a dance show, which ended in a backflip and drew much applause from the crowd.

The fun did not stop toward the end of the game. After a late charge by Lincoln, comments by Walker, Tabb, and Purse did not stop. As they continued to ride the referees because of bad calls, Moore turned the ball over.

As Bullard dribbled along the three-point line, Walker began to talk to him again.

"Call for the ball like you're supposed to," he yelled.

Moore called for the ball and cashed a three, which brought him much delight.

The next time down the floor, senior forward Mario Phillips answered with a three of his own and gave the student section more to rave about.

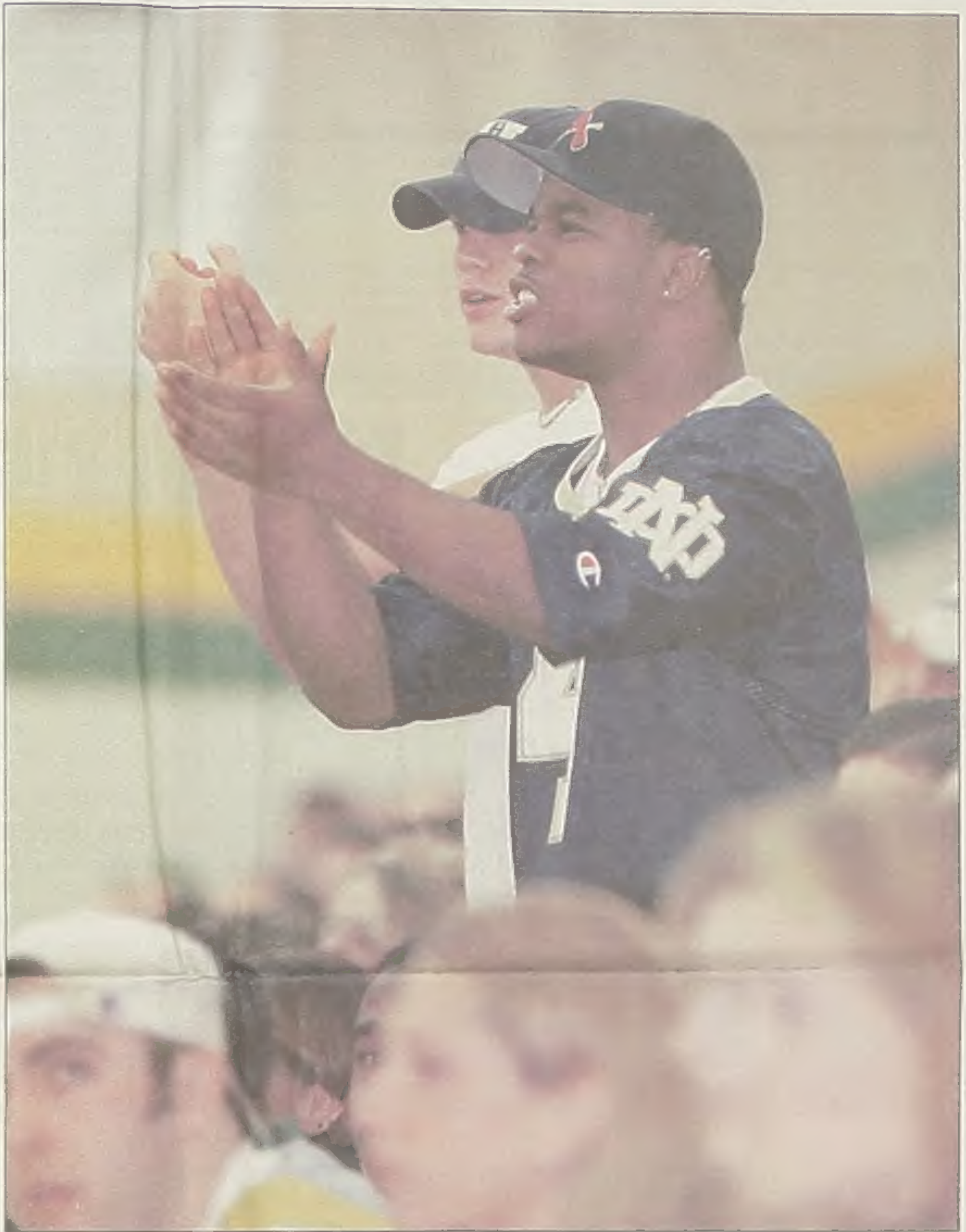
"It ain't Corey's fault," Walker yelled. "Did he do that?" Tabb and Purse answered.

Sports information director Joe Moore said he was happy to see fans getting excited about Southern basketball.

"I loved it," he said. "That's what college basketball is supposed to be. We hope they'll bring balloons and signs."

Moore added that creating a true college basketball atmosphere was something that would be possible at Southern.

"We want to surround and conquer opponents in the new building," he added. "We want to have the student section on one end and have Lionbackers on the other side. One side will be general admission." □



Missouri Southern football players Juan Tabb and Seth McKinzie cheer on the Lions basketball team on Monday night at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty departing, departments hiring

Sixteen positions to be filled by fall semester

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Gaps brought on by the retirement and resignation of several Missouri Southern faculty members have left the administration and departments busy searching for replacements.

"We're sort of in transition right now," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum,

vice president for academic affairs. "There are 16 positions we are filling. Five are in the English department; the rest are pretty much spread through the other departments. This is more positions to fill than we normally have in a year."

Bitterbaum said most are leaving because of retirement, but a few are leaving for other reasons.

TURN TO VACANCIES, PAGE 5

Five positions vacate in English Department

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

While most departments on campus are hustling to fill one or two vacancies caused by retirements and resignations, the English department is rebuilding nearly one third of its faculty.

"We're filling five positions and they're all replacement positions,

all tenure-track as well," said Dr. Dale Simpson, English department head. "That is a positive, a plus in our advertising, because these people know they can come and get tenured."

Simpson said at many universities, when a tenured faculty member leaves, the administration will not allow it to rehire on tenure-

TURN TO ENGLISH, PAGE 11

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Gubera reflects on time spent with Hussein

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Sunday, the 46-year reign of King Hussein of Jordan came to a close and his eldest son Abdullah took over.

In the days since cancer claimed the life of the 63-year-old ruler, one Missouri Southern faculty member has reflected on meeting the king.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, said the brief encounter was a wonderful personal experience.

"The whole thing wasn't more than five or six minutes," he said.

During the summer of 1983, Gubera and nine other college professors were part of a delegation for the National Council of U.S.-Arab relations.

"It was called 'Summer in Jordan and Saudi Arabia,'" he said. "It's this group in Washington D.C. that takes college professors into the Arab world. We were from all over the United States."

Gubera said the trip led them to one of Hussein's palaces in Amman.

TURN TO GUBERA, PAGE 5

BOARD OF REGENTS

Carnahan delays appointing regent

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—It has been seven months since Robert Lamb's Board of Regents term at Missouri Southern expired, and Gov. Mel Carnahan has yet to name a replacement.

Lamb, who served as the 1997-98 Board president, continues to serve as a full-capacity board member.

"I'm willing to serve until an appointment is made," he said. "It seems like this [delay] has been common recently."

Steve Carlton, current Regents president, says though a replacement has not been appointed, Lamb's presence on

the Board is, as always, an asset.

"Our Board doesn't have any input or control over the process," he said. "But I don't think it is at all an inconvenience."

"Bob served as last year's president, so having him as a Board member really gives us significant experience," Carlton said. "It's not like it's a vacancy."

He also says the Board will continue on with business with or without a new appointee.

"It doesn't slow us down, it doesn't hinder us, and it doesn't slow us down from the work we are doing," he said.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-

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BITTER AND SWEET LOVE

Arts Showcase:

Erin Sellers offers her top 10 all-time love songs while Eric Gruber gives his top 10 to those who have loved and lost.....page 7

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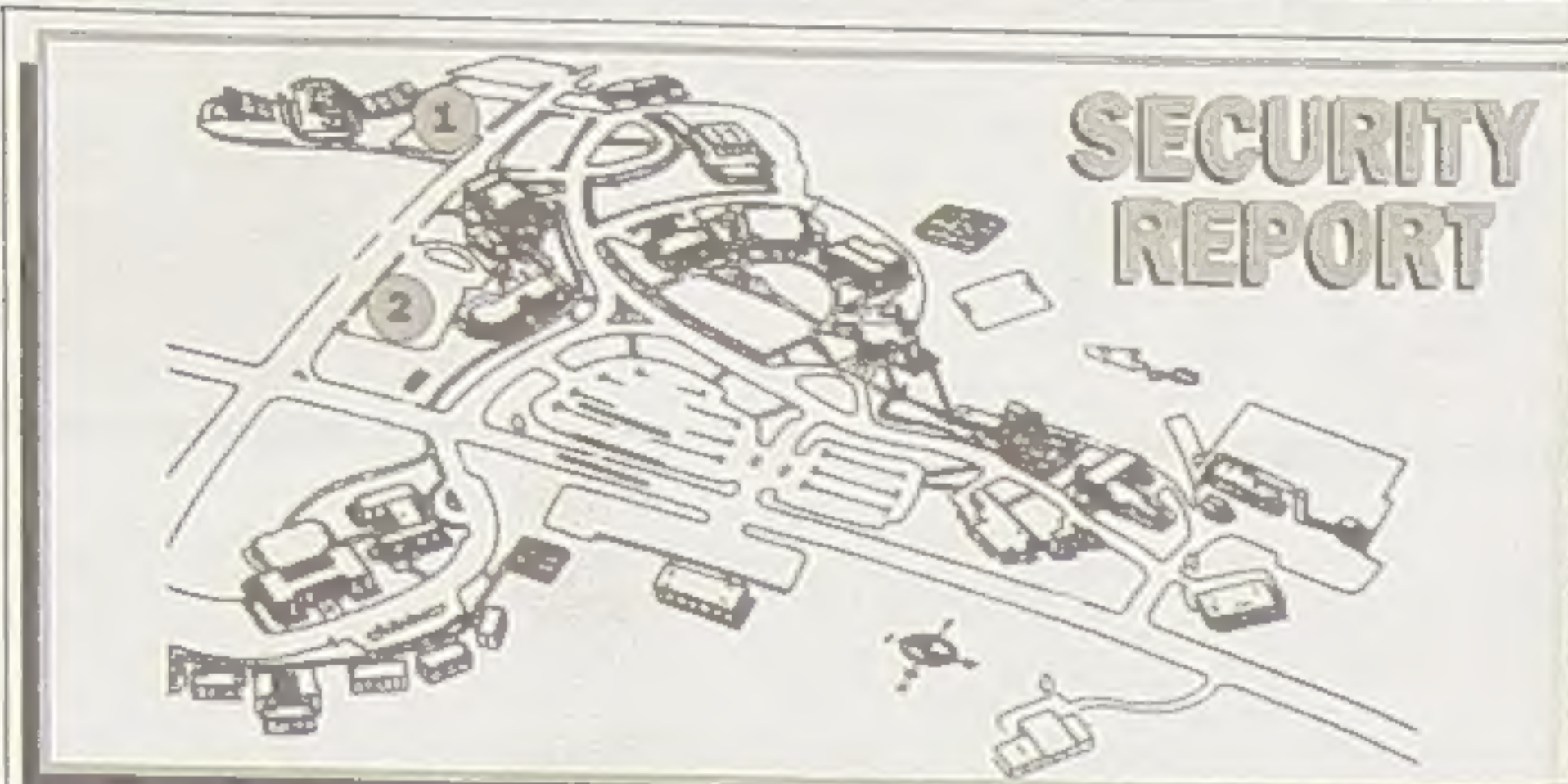
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Pieces of the Past

A new page dedicated to taking an in-depth look at local history.

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SECURITY REPORT

1 2/3/99 Lot #18

Sarah Kyle reported another vehicle had struck her vehicle, a 1994 red Ford Probe, between 10 a.m. and noon in Lot 18. There were damages to the right rear and blue paint was left on the damaged area.

2 2/1-2/5/99 Lot #22

Kelly Hawkins parked her 1994 Teal Toyota Corolla on 2/1. When she went back to her car on 2/5 there was a dent on the right side of her front door.

All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

Correction:

Mrs. Brenda Jackson was mis-identified as Barbara Jackson in the Feb. 5, 1999 issue. The story was headlined: Tag-teaming teachers diversify classroom.



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Ladies get a free valentine's beanie baby!!

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KC Blades vs. Cleveland Lumberjacks
Sat. Feb 20 7:35 p.m.
\$5 with student ID
includes: ticket, lrg. drink, souvenir, and a puck

TICKETS

CONCERT

Galen--Jazz Flautist

7:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18
WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

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Katherine Lederer Ozark African-American History

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STUDENT SENATE

President accounts for notorious funds

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Student Senate has finally accounted for the most notorious \$10 in recent Missouri Southern history.

After last week's editorial in *The Chart* and a resulting letter to the editor this week, Senate President Jesse DeGonia confirmed Wednesday night that the \$10 profit the Senate made for its Homecoming float is now back in its account.

"The check should be in the account now," DeGonia said. "It's really too little to worry about."

One could also say DeGonia's statement reflected the attitude of the Senate after last week's outburst over the proposed Val Carlisle birthday present allocation.

Many senators brought up *The Chart*/Student Senate "rivalry." Junior senator Vanessa Copeland, the person responsible for the now infamous quote, appears to have had a cooler attitude about the whole thing.

"I think the rivalry is sort of funny, but people should not start taking it personally," she said.

"As much as we knock *The Chart*, it's a great newspaper," junior senator Rob Huffman said. "They've won lots of awards."

The Senate appointed two new senators: Mark Lloyd, senior communications major, and Jason Young, senior secondary physical education major — both former Southern football players. These appointments

filled the remainder of the vacancies on the Senate.

"I've never had the opportunity to be involved in many out-of-class activities besides football," Lloyd said.

"Concluding my football career has allowed me the time to hopefully become involved in Senate," Young said.

A \$1,000 allocation went to Alpha Phi Sigma, the criminal justice honors society, for its trip to Orlando, Fla., where members will gather with other APS chapters and meet with law enforcement agencies on a federal level.

"There will be a lot of good job contacts," Dustin Quesenberry, senior criminal justice major, said.

Another \$1,000 allotment went to the Criminal Justice Student Association.

Three appropriation requests were brought up in the "new business" section of the meeting. Alpha Kappa Delta is requesting \$1,000 to help finance a trip to the Midwest Sociological Meetings in Minneapolis, Minn. The Association for Childhood Education International requested \$600 for its trip to San Antonio, and the Kinesiology Club is asking for \$1,000 to send eight of its members to Boston.

Six senators were not present at this week's meeting: Leslie Craig, Henry Holmes, Patty Richardson, Aqueelah Jackson, Brea Vancil (her fourth absence), and secretary Nicole Hollenberg.

Parliamentarian Sandy Fisk urged senators to "spread the word around campus" about the "Month of Caring," a campus-wide volunteer drive slated for April. □

SENATE COFFERS

FEB. 10 REQUESTS:

Alpha Phi

Sigma —

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

C.J.S.A. —

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$8,060.00

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Japanese, Swedish films show Tuesday

The Japanese silent film *I was Born, But...* and the award-winning Swedish short *Symphony of a City* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

This is the sixth program in the 37th annual International Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

The theme of *I was Born, But...* is the awakening of two young boys to the fact that their father is not really a great man at all. They have moved into a new neighborhood and are constantly being picked on by an older boy and by the son of their father's boss. At the same time, the boys discover adult society and its attendant problems.

"Never have I seen a film about children so realistic or funny," critic Richard Roud said. "For the kids, aged about 8 and 6, are two Buster Keatons, each more delightful than the other."

The short film *Symphony of a City* by the famous documentary filmmaker Arne Sucksdorff will round out the program. This distinguished dawn-to-dusk portrait of Stockholm and its inhabitants won the Academy Award in 1948 as "Best Short Subject."

Single admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. Mid-season tickets are available for \$1 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens or students. □

SMSU faculty member delivers speech

A program on "Ozark African-American History" by Dr. Katherine Lederer will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19 in Webster Hall auditorium.

The Campus Activities Board, the student organization Culturally Speaking, and the academic affairs office are sponsoring the Black History Month event. Admission is free.

Lederer, a member of the African-American studies faculty at Southwest Missouri State University, has written numerous articles and made countless presentations on black American history in the Ozarks region.

Her publications include *Many Thousand Gone*, a book focusing on local black American history. A multi-media program and video by the same title as her book has been produced, and the world premiere of the opera opened last year in the Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield. □

Jazz flautist gives performance, lecture

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring an "incredible" jazz flautist named Galen on Thursday for two events.

At 2 p.m., he will give a lecture, "The history of jazz," in Webster Hall Room 105. Five hours later, he will present a jazz flute performance in Webster Hall auditorium. Both events are free to everyone.

"Galen is an exuberant, fun-loving, extremely talented guy," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "I know that everyone who attends either one of these events will come away with a positive attitude and an appreciation for his artistry." □

Foreign film club presents Chinese film

The contemporary foreign film club will present the Chinese film *Box* at 7 p.m. today in Webster Hall Room 105. Dr. Bill Kumbier, associate professor of English, will be the facilitator.

Kumbier and Dr. Rex Wells, assistant professor of sociology, have listed a tentative schedule for the spring semester. The films include *Fire*, *Johnny Stecchino*, *Cylo*, *Wilde*, *A Chef in Love*, and *Hair*. □

PHYSICAL PLANT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart
The City of Joplin is planning to construct a stoplight at the intersection of Newman and Duquesne on the northeast corner of the Missouri Southern campus. The signal will be installed before the fall semester.

Stoplight coming to intersection

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Pedestrians and traffic crossing at the intersection of Newman and Duquesne will be aided by the installation of a stoplight this fall.

The stoplight is being installed at the request of Missouri Southern. The City Council approved the project after a traffic count warranted the signal.

"We asked for it a year ago," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant. "We have enough traffic in that intersection to merit a signal."

Beeler said the signal would be online before the fall semester begins.

"It's now being designed," said Joe Miller, city civil engineer. "We have taken some counts and it is warranted because of traffic volume."

He said traffic is now being delayed at the intersection, and the addition of the new stoplight will result in a reduction.

Miller did not have statistics, but did not think accidents were common.

"I think it would be nice to have it there," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "As long as people cross at the intersection, safety wouldn't be a problem."

Construction at the intersection may lead to improvement

of the College's gravel lot on the southeast corner of the intersection.

"I think we would look at that," Tiede said, "particularly if there is an increased use."

A sidewalk will be built on the southwest side of the intersection to connect with Webster Hall.

"We are trying to do that this summer," Tiede said.

Construction of the path was prompted by a meeting the administration had with the Student Senate last fall.

"As a result of a Student Senate request, Dr. [Julio] Leon [College president] asked me to look at constructing a sidewalk in the area," Tiede said.

Beeler is glad to see the project under way.

"I am delighted," he said. "I am glad it is finally happening."

City News Editor Marla Hinkle contributed to this story. □

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Bob Beeler
Physical Plant

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

Foundation Phonathon draws to close

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The 17th annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phonathon drew to a close last night. But just because the calls stopped being dispatched doesn't mean the money will stop coming in.

"We will still have a lot of donations that will trickle in," said Curt Betebeener, the Foundation's assistant director.

The Foundation's total through Wednesday night was around \$212,000, far short of the \$290,000 goal.

Officials will add the after-the-deadline donations to this year's total until August, so the donations that come in after the phones stop are crucial for meeting the goal.

"We'll obtain our goal if we get exceptional alumni and community support," Betebeener said. "It just keeps rolling in."

Christin Mathis, junior mathematics education major, received a \$10,000 donation from a single call Monday.

"Mrs. [Sue] Billingsly (Foundation director) just brought the card to me and asked me to call," she said. "It was easier than getting the smaller ones."

The individual Mathis called had donated the same amount in past years. Mathis' call was the single largest phone donation this year.

Mathis was calling along with other students from Koionia, one of the groups that volunteered to work the Phonathon this year. Library personnel and the baseball team were also among this week's volunteers.

"I work in the library and heard them talking about [the Phonathon] and decided to help out," said Denna Agee, junior criminal justice major. "Strangely enough, it's fun. Nobody's donating their life savings, but it's been fun."

A drawback to taking pledges over the phone is the amount of donations that are never paid. Of the donations recorded, the Foundation collects only 85 percent. But Betebeener said that percentage is only an average and that this year could be different. □



Curt Betebeener
Assistant Director

OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pathways offers associate degrees via late-night television

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
ASSISTANT DESIGN EDITOR

Late-night television receives new meaning with Missouri Southern's Pathways program.

With the aid of Ozarks Public Television, Southern is now able to offer students on and off campus the opportunity to earn an associate of arts degree via television. Currently there are five classes offered.

"We're really excited about it," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning and dean of technology. "Students can tape it and watch it at their convenience and never step on campus for some classes."

Through the program, students earn their degree within three years. Classes offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays are American Economic System (1-1:50 a.m.), Beginning Algebra (1:55-2:45 a.m.), English Literature (2:50-

3:40 a.m.), and U.S. History 1877-Present (3:45-4:35 a.m.). Nutrition-Human Development is offered on Fridays (1-3:45 a.m. Friday).

"The program reaches two audiences," Spurlin said. "It reaches our regular students who want to take extra classes. It also reaches those who are time bound and place bound who live too far away to come to campus or have to work."

Spurlin said the College has made a commitment to reach new students and to serve better the current students.

"We also needed a commitment from the departments on campus who had never done televised classes," Spurlin said. "The departments and the teachers had to be willing."

"Dr. Jerry Williams (director of continuing education) put a lot of hard work into getting it ready to go."

Williams has been working on getting the program started for about six years.

"We wanted to try to put a degree on public television with

KOZJ and KOZK," he said. "No action was taken for a while, so finally we just sat down and decided 'Let's get it done.'"

The Pathways program reaches 57 counties in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Southern's bookstore will mail books to those students who live outside a 40-mile radius of the campus.

Students inside the 40-mile radius may have to commute to take exams.

For others, the exams may be faxed and administered by a proctor like a high school principal or teacher.

Williams said the main benefit of the program is giving students who are time bound and place bound access to a college degree, particularly those who are working.

"It closes the delivery gap we've had in the past," he said. "In the past, we've provided televised classes on cable. Now we're able to reach the rural areas so we can fill in the gaps and extend our service area." □

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

State bill gives keys to regent

Legislation that would allow student regents to participate in closed Board of Regents meetings is currently on the table of the Missouri General Assembly. This is the kind of thing that screams "liberty and justice for all" and has the ability to inject complacent college students with a healthy dose of self-righteousness.

This would be a voice of the students, by the students, and for the students — breaking through the social and professional barriers to have a say in even the most pressing of College matters. We could have this type of representation. We could hear freedom ringing from Fred G. Hughes Stadium to Ummel Technology and feel the power of progress.

This is a great scenario and could be, perhaps in a more limited way, a reality at this college.

A cautionary note, though. We have been spoiled by the responsibility and maturity of the current regent, Christin Mathis, but what would happen if someone were to end up in the seat who was a little less together? Arguably, Mathis is the best student regent Southern has seen and could handle the added responsibilities of attending all closed-door meetings.

If this legislation passes, it will be time for Southern to look to its absolute best to fill the position of student regent in coming years. The College will have to keep in mind the sensitivity required for certain topics and the character a student must have to take on issues of confidentiality and College politics.

This move could be a strong one for students' voices. Let's just make sure we're worthy of the responsibility. □

Pep rallies

Monday night's display of student fan support at Missouri Southern's home basketball game against Lincoln University should be a mere preview of what is to come upon completion of the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Three Southern football players have figured out what it takes to get underneath the other team's skin and cause a little ruckus.

For once, there was a real college atmosphere, a reason for our players to show off their moves, throw a behind-the-back pass, or raise the roof. In the new 4,000-seat gymnasium, much more is expected to take place.

The waving of balloons while the opposing team is shooting free throws and holding up intimidating signs would make Southern the most hated place to play in the MIAA.

The cheerleaders should be at every home game, and the pep band's presence will be imperative. It also wouldn't hurt for our older fans, faculty, and staff members to get in on the excitement.

The arena is nearing completion, but a basketball game will not be played there until November. Three Lions have started to represent a rowdy, intimidating, and entertaining student body. All they need is for a bunch of students to follow their lead.

There are two home games left in the season, and who says balloons and signs cannot be a part of this year? It may land us a berth in the playoffs.

After all, crowd support is as important to a team's success as the coaches and players. □

ANDREA'S ANGLE



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Racial consciousness needs a good lickin'

Kids not only say the darndest things, but they do them as well.

Last year, the funniest thing happened to me. While looking at DiGorno pizzas and trying to decide which ones to eat for dinner, a little white girl found me to be very interesting. She could have been no more than 3 or 4 years old and her eyes were fixated on my 6-foot, 300-plus-pound frame.

As she walked by staring and holding on to her mother's hand, she somehow shook herself free and proceeded toward me. My peripheral vision caught her as she grabbed my arm and licked it two or three times.

I looked at her. She looked at me. Then, I looked at my arm. Between the slam of the freezer door and her mother's loud voice, the

poor girl was startled and was suddenly yanked by the arm to her mom.

"I thought he was made of chocolate," she said as they walked away. She thought I was a big chocolate man!

"I'm so sorry, sir," her mother said to me. "No problem," I answered with a smile.

Since the beginning of Black History Month, people have been commenting on their lack of black friends until they came to Southern. It's difficult to believe that in such a racially diverse nation there are still teenagers who would wet their pants if they met a person of another race. Maybe this is part of the problem. Some families (of all races) would still choose to segregate their children.

Some parents forbid their kids to hang out with people of other ethnic backgrounds. The new line is, "It's OK if you're friends with 'em, but you can't date 'em."

As a result of these beliefs, young children are forced to grow up only knowing stereotypes and horribly false opinions because of television.

Whites kids victimized like this in my generation (I'm 21 years old) sometimes grow up thinking life for blacks is a mix between "The Cosby Show" and "Boyz n the Hood." Blacks raised this way think life for whites reflects "Full House" or "The Sound of Music."

Fact is, all blacks don't like watermelon, fried chicken, and barbecued ribs (although I do). All whites can't afford caviar, don't have superiority complexes, and don't shop at The Gap. All Mexicans don't like beans, guacamole, or Taco Bell.

It has been said one too many times that it's the 90s and something has to change. We can't blame the media or television for shaping our views. Something does not have to change. Someone has to change. With every pregnant woman we see comes the question of how that child will be raised.

Here's a hint: If your child licks someone because they might taste like chocolate, vanilla, or butter brickle, you may have done something wrong. □



Andre L. Smith
Sports/Design Editor

IN PERSPECTIVE

Graduate nursing program enhances region

Graduate nursing classes upon the Missouri Southern campus have been a boost to health care in southwest Missouri. The master's of science in nursing program offered by the University of Missouri-Kansas City has influenced the expanding role of nurses in this area. The title Advanced Practice Nurse is given by the Missouri State Board of Nursing to nurses with graduate nursing degrees and board certification in specialized areas of nursing. These nurses collaborate with physicians for prescriptive authority and practice in independent and interdependent situations.

During the fall of 1993, Dr. Barbara Box, professor and director of nursing, approached Nancy Mills, dean of the school of nursing at UMKC, with the idea of bringing the MSN degree to Joplin. Nurses desiring the MSN were required to go out of state or drive at least three hours for course work. Many nurses with family and work commitments were unable

to further their education. With the assistance of College President Julio Leon and Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), Box's idea became a reality with the first classes offered in the fall of 1994.

Since 1997, the UMKC School of Nursing MSN program has been located in Room 109F in the Graduate Center in Webster Hall. The majority of the course work for the program is offered by interactive telecommunication with the involvement of Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, and Morris Sweet, technical engineer. Area physicians and nurse practitioners are involved as preceptors for the clinical courses that prepare students to sit for the certification examination as family nurse practitioners upon graduation.

The program requires 36 hours that are usually taken part-time in two and a half years, although a full-time program is available. Three classes have graduated from the program for a total of 47 graduates, and five completed post-master's work. UMKC holds graduation ceremonies each December in Webster Hall auditorium with an interactive conferring of degrees by the university's chancellor.

Thirty students are presently progressing through the program. Classes are limited to 15

students each year. Forty percent of the students have graduated from the Southern bachelor of science in nursing program. UMKC students are also Southern students through the continuing education department. Fees are paid to the College for the graduate students to have access to parking, library resources, and computer labs. The bookstore maintains a section for the graduate textbooks, which are purchased each semester.

The UMKC graduates have become active members of the professional community. They were instrumental in organizing the Four State Advance Practice Nurses' Group, which meets quarterly for professional discussion. An active alumni group was organized that meets twice a year to coincide with new student orientation and graduation.

The graduates support the UMKC program by serving as preceptors and guest lecturers. Employer response has also been positive. All graduates who desire employment as family nurse practitioners have been employed within three months of graduation. The cohesiveness provided by staying community is apparent. A big thank you to those who had the vision that has benefited health care in southwest Missouri. □



Anita Singleton
UMKC Coordinator

YOUR LETTERS

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Freshman senator responds to allegations published in paper

In the short time I have been here, it seems the editors of The Chart have stooped to an all-time low. Not only have they seen fit to slander the Missouri Southern Student Senate, but they have presented falsified information to the student body of Southern. What may disturb the editors the most is the fact that we've got the proof!

First of all, the insinuation that the Senate ever did anything to place themselves "above the law" is completely without merit. It states quite clearly in the Senate Constitution that the Senate has the right to allocate funds to "any chartered campus

organization." Since Senate is in fact a chartered organization, nothing was done to place the Senate "above the law."

As for the funds in question, the \$100 allocated for Homecoming expenses, CAB receipts (copies of which have been submitted with this letter) show that the Senate spent only \$40 of what was allocated. Thus, when the Senate took fourth place for its float in the Homecoming parade, winning \$50 in the process, it actually succeeded in gaining \$10 net profit!

Now then, what of this \$50? This is where the fabrication on the part of the editors of The Chart begins. Twice in the editorial

President Jesse DeGonia is cited, first for saying that the subject of the Homecoming money would be placed on the agenda, and secondly, for saying that the \$50 had been placed in the treasury. DeGonia has stated that he never made any such comments and denies that anyone from The Chart ever approached him on the two said occasions to take the statements. How could they?

In fact, the \$50 from Homecoming has never been in the possession of the Senate. Therefore, the Senate has not had the opportunity to act on the \$50 as written in The Chart. The \$50 was not transferred

from CAB to the Senate until Feb. 5, when I went to the CAB and the Student Services offices to inquire its whereabouts.

It was then that I found that the money had in fact never left the CAB account.

The sad part is that it took less than one afternoon to find this information. It is this apparent lack of ethics and effort on the part of The Chart that I find most appalling. It is difficult for me to see how the editors of The Chart can talk of maturity and take credit for the judgment of the Senate when the position of The Chart as a watchdog is based on the figments of an overly creative imagination.

I don't know about any lessons that the Senate need learn from any of these events, but one can only hope that those at The Chart will soon learn a lesson in the importance of journalistic integrity, ethics, and the truth.

The editors at The Chart must have rather poor self-esteem in order to fictionalize an incident just to have occasion to pat themselves on the back. Let's not let this happen again.

Tyler Ian Shields
Freshman senator



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SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Southern professor named to state well installation board

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

With an appointment to Missouri's well installation board, Missouri Southern's Annetta St. Clair will be digging deep into state policy.

The board is a commission that oversees the regulations of people who dig wells in the state of Missouri. "We want to make sure that the water that people are provided with is as uncontaminated as possible," said St. Clair, associate professor of political science.

There are certain things that well drillers have to do to ensure they don't dig faulty wells. If the commission finds a faulty well, it will pull the license of the well driller.

"We have already had to pull the license of one well

driller, and he had to move to another state," St. Clair said. "We even contacted that state to make sure they knew about him."

The board may be of more significance in the southwest Missouri area because of recent problems with well water and soil.

"There are only three areas in the state of Missouri that the EPA has designated as problem areas with soil," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Scotia). "Two of those areas are in Newton County." The board has four meetings a year throughout the

Annetta St. Clair
Assistant Professor

state. The next meeting is March 4-5 in St. Louis. St. Clair has attended only one meeting so far, but participates in many telephone conferences.

"I am pleased to announce my support of Mrs. St. Clair and would encourage all constituents to volunteer for various boards," Singleton said. "Then southwest Missouri can be proud to know that they are represented in Jefferson City."

The well installation board, formed in 1994, is a statewide board. St. Clair was contacted by the assistant director of the division of natural resources to apply for the position.

"They were basically looking for qualified people who were willing to serve the state," she said. "This board is much more powerful than most people would think."

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Then southwest Missouri can be proud to know they are represented in Jefferson City.

Marvin Singleton
Missouri State Senator

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"We have such an impact on people's lives and their future."

St. Clair's appointment lasts for four years. □

SUNSHINE AND SUNNY SMILES



Several Missouri Southern students take advantage of the unseasonably warm weather and the College sitting wall in front of Billingsly Student Center.

MATT MADURA/The Chart

GUBERA: Meeting with Hussein leaves professor with lasting impression

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"We met in what you'd say the courtyard or backyard of the palace," he said. "King Hussein came down the palace steps and out onto the yard to greet us."

Gubera said the trip was nearing its end when they visited the palace.

"He wanted to salute us," Gubera said. "He hadn't gotten the chance to welcome us; at least he could give us salutations on our journey and ask us how we liked it."

Gubera said King Hussein left a lasting impression.

"When he looked at you and smiled and spoke to you, it was just engaging," he said. "He had the most magnificent way of

real power. He had this tremendous sense of real power. Some people have that and can be a slave; some people have that and can be a king."

Hussein moved down the line talking with the different college instructors when he came to Gubera.

"He asked, 'What have you enjoyed about our country?' I said, 'Well, I was just fascinated by the water products and the development of the lower Jordan Valley, with the small farms.'"

"He said, 'You like that?' I said, 'Well, coming from a farm background in the southern part of Missouri in the Ozarks.' 'You're from the Ozarks?' I said, 'Yes.' 'I've always read and heard about the Ozarks, tell me, you mean you have small farming?'"

He said the conversation then moved to research on how families can work and survive on as little as 10 hectares or roughly 25 acres of land.

Gubera said King Hussein then went on to mention how happy he was to know other parts of the world see small farming as he did.

"By this time everybody's getting a little nervous cause we're talking farming," he said. "I'm standing there slouched over talking, and he's

King Hussein
Former King of Jordan

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He had the most magnificent way of real power. Some people have that and can be a slave; some people have that and can be a king.

Dr. Conrad Gubera
Professor of sociology

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just kind of halfway looking up at me.

"He sighs and says 'I wish we could continue this conversation, I see they're pulling me away, I'm just so glad to have met you.'"

"Here's a king, and I guess I was the last in line, so he was whisked away." □

REGENTS: Recommendations are being considered by governor's office

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Seneca, who helps in making recommendations, says the process has begun.

"We've recommended who we think are some very qualified people," he said.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, Gene Wild, Hal Roper, and Jim Hardy are among the names mentioned by Singleton as those who may be in the running.

Dolence is Southern's former vice president for student services.

"It's just a lot of enthusiastic people who support the College and have agreed to step forward and serve on the Board of Regents," Singleton said. "The governor carefully evaluates these individuals; he's just had other things in mind."

Chris Sifford, legislative liaison for the governor's office, says the decision is under way and is a priority.

"We just have not found the right person for the job yet," he said. "But it's something we hope to get done as soon as possible." □

VACANCIES: Several plan to leave

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including graduate studies and taking time to spend with family.

The 16 include Curt Gilstrap, instructor of communications; Dr. Elliott Denniston, professor of English; Rebecca Spracklen Kanan, associate professor of English; Evalina Shippee, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Elizabeth Rozell, associate professor of business; Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English; and Dr. Stephen Spector, professor of English. Rozell, Harder, and Spector resigned last year, but their positions were not filled.

Other resignations and retirements will be announced at the Feb. 18 Board of Regents meeting.

Dr. Cameron Pulliam, director of student teaching, is another of those who will be leaving after the current semester.

"There's a generation of us who got up one day and looked in a mirror and thought 'Well, maybe it's time'," he said.

Pulliam, who has spent 39 years in education, said the discovery and removal last summer of a malignant tumor aided his decision to depart.

"I've been on a roller coaster since then," he said. "Chances are slim that it will return, but when that happened I decided to get outside and take advantage of things, including my 9-year-old daughter and grandchildren."

Bitterbaum said the departments on campus will use several procedures in selecting the individuals who will replace the retiring faculty. Most positions require a national search.

"When filling these positions, we advertise in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*," he said.

He said most departments will

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Dr. Cameron Pulliam
Director of Student Teaching

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create committees and conduct interviews. Typically, the candidates also are interviewed by the dean of the school, Bitterbaum, and College President Julio Leon.

"I always look forward to meeting the candidates," Bitterbaum said.

Pulliam said since his position actually consists of three different jobs — teaching, supervising student teachers, and preparing data for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) — the education department will have to be overly selective in choosing a replacement.

"They're going to have to consider someone who is highly focused," Pulliam said. "Strategy and making the calls is extremely important."

Bitterbaum said the applicant response for the different departments varies from just a few, such as in nursing, to extreme amounts.

"In English they get hundreds of applications," he said. □

ENGLISH: Visits begin for interviews

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track. But he said Missouri Southern has not done this.

Simpson said the English department consists of 17 full-time faculty, but some of those being replaced actually have not been teaching since last spring.

"[Dr. Stephen] Spector (retired English department head) retired last year," he said. "I took his place, and actually we're replacing my position."

Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English, announced his retirement late last year to enter law school.

Simpson said the department has divided the positions into three areas.

"We've determined that the department needed a replacement for Shakespeare and Renaissance, and also we wanted a person to teach professional writing and technical writing, so those are two different positions," he said.

The three other positions are "open," in that no particular specialty was requested.

"We had a total of about 450 applications for the five positions," Simpson said.

"I think the last count we made was 292 for the open positions, so we're going to be picking three people from the 292 who applied."

For the Shakespeare/Renaissance position, Simpson said about 100 applications have been received. Fifty have applied

for the professional/technical writing position.

Simpson said they have narrowed down the numbers and conducted about 30 interviews.

"From that grouping there were 15 for the open positions and 14 for the other two," he said. "We came back and made recommendations to the committees and then the committees arrived at the recommendation for candidates."

Simpson said they then confirmed 11 campus visits, which have already started and will continue until March 1.

"Out of that group of 11, we'll be selecting five people," he said. "They come in, they go through the interview process, and they visit with the administrators. Then they make a presentation in the afternoon."

"What we tell them is we want them to teach us something," Simpson said. "So they come in and instruct us as if we were a class. It's a combination of English majors and English faculty who attend these presentations."

Once the five are selected by the department, which should fall around mid-March, they will have to be approved by the various levels of the administration before the Board of Regents finalizes the selections.

"We're making history this year in the department," Simpson said. "We've never had this many that we were looking for before at the same time." □

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Erin Sellers at 625-9311.



■ Pick up Valentine's packages 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Billingsly Student Center Box Office.

Today

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10:45 p.m.—

Valentine's Banquet

BSC 3rd floor

Monday

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Southern Discovery Day—recruitment tours for high school seniors.

Tuesday

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6 p.m.—

CAB Mardi Gras Party in the BSC Lions' Den.

7 p.m.—

International Film: "I was Born but..." in MH Auditorium.

Wednesday

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7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wellness Fair at BSC 3rd floor.

5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Lions and Lady Lions Basketball vs. UM/Rolla, (DH)

VALENTINE'S DAY

Students, faculty share romantic experiences

By CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

Many Missouri Southern students have been bitten by the bug. The love bug, that is.

As Valentine's Day quickly approaches, several students are preparing romantic gestures for the ones they love.

Although the typical flowers and dinner are always a popular choice, some students are putting the extra touch into making the day special for their significant others.

Jason Buntin, freshman undeclared major, knows that.

"It was three days before Valentine's Day, and that whole 'Jerry McGuire, you-complete-me thing' was really big," he said. "So I sent my girlfriend a little note that said, 'You'. The next day, I sent her a note that said, 'Complete'. And then the third day, I sent her the last note that said, 'Me'."

"I showed up with two dozen roses on Valentine's Day. She dried the roses and still has them to this day."

Other people travel great distances to see the one they love.

Joey Mitchell, freshman marketing major, can testify to that. He drove eight hours one Valentine's Day to see his girlfriend.

"After the long trip, I really didn't expect anything but for us to go out to dinner," he said. "But when I got there, her whole house was lit up with candles. She had cooked all day and had a menu for me to choose from three different dishes. We had dinner with candlelight and music."

"She alone makes me feel romantic, but her efforts made the day extra special."

Although others don't have as far to go, their attempts at romance are not ignored.

"One year in high school, my boyfriend rode his bike to my house because he didn't have a car," said Marsha Little, sophomore business major. "He rode all that way just to bring me a rose. But the rose was fake, because he didn't want to hurt himself."

Oh well, it's the thought that counts. Bud Clark, director of choral activities, made a huge effort one year to present his wife with an unusual Valentine's Day surprise.

"My wife worked at this bank that had glass all across the front of it," he said. "I had the keys to the school bus, so I talked my chamber choir into riding over there on Valentine's Day one year during our normal class time. I pulled the bus up along the curb, and the whole choir leaned out the windows with signs that

spelled out, 'BUD LOVES BRENDA'. Luckily, we got back before the school missed us."

Some people go into Valentine's Day not knowing what to expect.

This unknowing feeling was the case for Monica Hilderbrand, senior music major.

"My birthday is on Valentine's Day, and that year my boyfriend and I decided to rebel against tradition," she said. "So we went to Grandy's and to the Eastgate. All night, I thought he would propose to me, but he didn't."

"I went home and cried all night. But it was OK, because two months later he did."

And for some couples on campus, this year may be a surprise.

"This is our first Valentine's Day together," said Kendra Smith, senior music major, of her boyfriend Trevor Headrick, also a senior music major. "I don't know what we'll do yet."

Valentine's Day may only come around once a year, but it can be celebrated all year long for some couples.

"I love my wife dearly," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "Every year I buy a nice little present for her and take her out to dinner. But really, everyday is Valentine's Day with her." □

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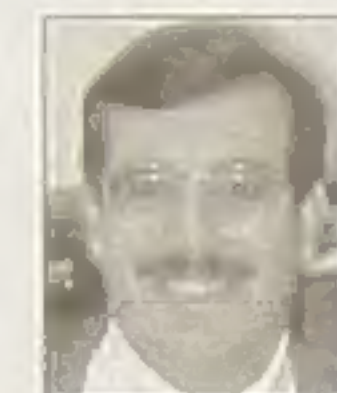
Kendra Smith and Trevor Headrick

This is our first Valentine's together. I don't know what we'll do yet.

The whole choir (had) signs that said, 'Bud loves Brenda.'



Bud Clark



Dr. Erik Bitterbaum

I love my wife dearly. Every day is Valentine's Day with her.

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HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?



ERIN SELLERS/The Chart

Kim White, freshman biology major, demonstrates her flexibility during the Feb. 6 "Dash for Dollars" game show in the Billingsly Student Center. She went on to win a total of \$125.

ACCOUNTING

VITA now providing free tax assistance

Accounting students prepare tax returns free of charge to the elderly and disabled

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Many Joplin residents and Missouri Southern students are receiving help on their income taxes courtesy of Tax Accounting I students.

The students, who are involved in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), are offering free tax assistance every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Joplin Public Library until April 10.

The free tax assistance is available to elderly, lower income, and disabled taxpayers who need help filling out their tax returns but cannot afford to pay for professional assistance.

The Tax Accounting students' assistance is also available to college students.

The IRS asks groups like VITA to help. The IRS also provides the group with all the necessary materials for tax assistance.

VITA usually provides 30 to 40 volunteers to help with the income tax service.

"The volunteers are able to help with both federal and state returns," said Dr. James Shaver, professor of accounting.

VITA has helped more than 2,000 different people with their tax returns for the past 11 years in which they have been offering the free service to the community.

"We usually help about 250 people a year," Shaver said.

When people come in to get help with their taxes, they must go through three tax preparers before they leave the library.

First, the person must take his tax material to a coordinator who helps the individual decide which volunteer will help him the best.

Secondly, he goes to a preparer, who helps the person fill out the tax return.

And finally the individual must visit with a reviewer, who checks everything to make sure the person's tax return materials do not contain mistakes.

"This is good experience for the many students who are involved," Shaver said. "We have seen many of the same people for the past several years."

Junior accounting major Crystal Russell helped the first Saturday this year.

"It is really good experience, and I really enjoy helping the people that come in," she said. □

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Crystal Russell
Junior
accounting major

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Debate takes third in two most recent competitions

By MELODY LANING
STAFF WRITER

The speech and debate squad's stamina, experience, and talent keeps growing with past and upcoming tournaments.

Since the beginning of the spring semester, Missouri Southern has made a successful appearance at two competitive events.

The first competition occurred Jan. 22-24 at Webster University in St. Louis. Southern's debate team finished the event second place overall.

Individuals placing in the St. Louis competition were: Robert Dempsey, senior English and communications major; Chris Carr, sophomore secondary education major; Shellie Meador, sophomore sociology major; Joe Day, junior speech communications major; John Shadwick, sophomore history major; and Todd O'Brien, freshman undecided major.

Day and Meador also placed third overall at the competition as a team in parliamentary debate.

Day was the top parliamentary speaker, while Meador was third.

"Southern is clearly the most prominent parliamentary debate school in Missouri," said Curt Gilstrap, director of forensics.

Southern traveled to Central Missouri State University for tournament action Jan. 30-31.

At the competition Southern placed third overall in speech and debate and first in sweepstakes. Individuals placing were: Dempsey and Tad Stricker, sophomore political science major.

Southern also closed out finals in parliamentary debate. Shadwick and Dempsey placed first in the competition, while Day and Meador took second.

Stricker and Steve Doubledee, sophomore speech communications major, placed third.

Members of the debate team compete in a variety of areas.

Some of the areas in which they compete include communication analysis, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking, informative speaking, persuasive speaking, after dinner speaking, and oral interpretation.

Debate squad members also compete in parliamentary debate.

"Parliamentary is a debate style which has a new resolution every round," Gilstrap said. "It is impromptu...so all of our debaters must be well read across the curricula, including all current domestic and foreign events."

Overall, high hopes and practice are what drives the debate squad on to achieve future success. Gilstrap hopes to capture several trophies at the state tournament, held at CMSU Feb. 19-21.

"We feel we are improving every weekend as planned," he said. "We practiced three days a week over the Christmas break, so we expected to do well this semester." □

Films present facts and fiction of Native Americans



The Silent Enemy: An Epic of the American Indian, is one film featured in the series

Social science faculty present history flicks

By CALE RITTER
STAFF WRITER

Those interested in Native American culture may have already missed one of the seven films in the Native American film series.

Presented by the social science department, the films are monitored by Larry Cebula, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Jill Davidson, adjunct professor of anthropology.

Cebula, whose main course of study is Native Americans, is currently teaching a course on the changes in Native American religion. Davidson is teaching an anthropology course this semester about Native Americans. Her focus of research is language and songs of the Indians.

"My recent work has involved the Otoe-Missouria and the Ioway

tribes, both of which are located near Stillwater, Okla.," Davidson said.

Beginning Tuesday, one film will be shown at 2:30 p.m. every other Tuesday through April 27 in the Student Life Center. The production age of the films range from 1930 to 1998.

Last week's showing brought in 11 students despite the short notice.

"We thought about showing the films in the order of their production dates, but decided to arrange them chronologically according to the time frame when the movies were set," Cebula said. "The first is set in 1797 without the influence of the whites."

The films mix both fact and fiction and are related to topics covered in Cebula and Davidson's classes. French, English, and native languages are spoken in the films.

"We wanted to create an activity to enrich and spread Indian interest across the campus and the community as well," Cebula said.

Creating a bridge between Southern and the community is not the end of Cebula and Davidson's current goals.

"Our goal is to have a Native American minor," he said. "If it developed into a minor, maybe it would lead into further projects such as art exhibits."

Students can eat popcorn as they learn about the American Indian culture. Questions will be answered by the team after each viewing.

"Some films are not quite as educational as those traditionally shown in classroom settings but are relevant to our topics of study," Davidson said. "These are good movies that would be fun."

If students aren't able to attend the showings, many of the films can be found at local video stores. Persons interested in more information and links about Native Americans may view a Web site at:

<http://www.mssc.edu/socsci/cebul320>

BITTER AND SWEET LOVE

The right kind of love song, without getting too sweet

Boxes of candy and flowers are flying off supermarket shelves, which only means one thing — Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

Many people have a special someone to whom they want to confess their undying love for. Why not use someone else's words, ala a love song?

This is the time of year when the likes of Michael Bolton and Luther Vandross dominate the radio waves. If these singers cause the gag reflex to kick in, may I offer 10 not so traditional love songs for you to play to your significant other (s) on this year's day of love.

10. "Sugar High," Coyote Shivers.

"Empire Records Soundtrack" (A&M Records). This lively track, a far cry from Barry White, which proclaims, "We can go out and not even leave the house — TV set and a bottle of

wine," is good for the financially handicapped.

9. "Fever," Nancy Sinatra (Maverick). This (remake by Madonna) proves that nothing says love like an ailment, stating "Fever when you kiss me, Fever when you hold me tight, Fever in the morning, Fever all through the night." I think this is a pretty appropriate choice in light of the flu that's infecting a great number of the student body.

8. "Can't Get Enough of You, Baby," Smash Mouth, "Can't Hardly Wait Soundtrack" (A&M Records). I think I'll just let the title speak for itself.

7. "Angel," Aerosmith, "Big Ones" (Geffen Records). Although you may

be more familiar with Aerosmith's more recent ballad from Armageddon, "Angel's" lyrics, "Without your love I'm nothing but a beggar, without your love, a dog without a bone," will show your loved one truly what he/she means to you.

6. "I Got You Babe," Sonny and Cher, "Sonny and Cher Live" (Kapp Records).

This song's pledge is sure to endure the

test of time for your romance just as it did for Sonny and Cher...oh wait, never mind.

5. "Most Beautiful," REM "Up" (Sony Music). Can't find the right words? How about, "My most beautiful — I count your eyelashes."

4. "I Want to Hold Your Hand," The Beatles, "The Beatles" (Apple Records). 1960-1966. This song is good for those newly formed relationships who might not want to say anything too commitment-oriented.

3. "I'll Back You Up," Dave Matthews Band, "Remember 2 Things" (Warner Bros.). Don't want the same old Valentine's Day? Try this proposal, "Would you like to dance around the world with me?"

2. "With or Without You," U2, "The Joshua Tree" (Island Records). Talk about commitment — "On a bed of nails she makes me wait...I wait for you."

1. "Wonderful Tonight," Eric Clapton, "Cream of Clapton" (PolyGram Records). The one sure way to win your love's affection is to echo these words, "You look wonderful tonight." □

Tell someone how you really feel with the gift of music

America was built on many great principles: freedom of religion, freedom of the press (a Chart favorite), and freedom of speech. And thanks to free speech, the airwaves are easily contaminated with sugary sweet love songs leaving cavities on the minds of listeners everywhere.

Around Valentine's Day, one can become saturated with the sappy noise of Celine singing "My Heart Will Go On," or even those NKOTB copycats singing "It's All Because of You."

But maybe come Feb. 14, your relationship isn't even worth sending a card, or maybe it's just nonexistent. Whatever the case, turn off the radio and plug in some of Eric's top 10 non-Valentine songs.

10. "I Don't Believe in Love," Queensryche "Operation Mindcrime" (EMI Records). This song is great to listen to when if you're thinking about your past love — 80s hair bands. Love is fleeting.

9. "So Much For The Afterglow," Everclear "So Much For The Afterglow" (Capitol Records). Isn't that the truth. The lyrics state "I guess the honeymoon is over, so much for the afterglow." Perfect for those newbies a signature away from annulment on V-Day.

8. "You Give Love a Bad Name," Bon Jovi "Slippery When Wet" (PolyGram Records). You've been a bad, bad, girl. Still wearing blue jeans and high heels? No box of chocolates for you.

7. "X-Girlfriend," Bush "Sixteen Stone" (Trauma Records). The only lyrics to this song are "You only call me when you're

down." Be sure to have your caller ID hooked up early and screen those unwanted "ex" phone calls.

6. "I Hate Your Guts," Pride and Glory (Geffen Records). Girls, this one is for you. Is your man not worth the trouble anymore? He didn't even get you flowers? Get this CD and sing it to him, then throw him out. Caution: damaging lyrics.

5. "Used to Love Her," Gun's N' Roses "G N' R Lies" (Geffen Records). If your female canine is wearing out her welcome, play this one on the way to her new home.

4. "Fake Plastic Trees," Radiohead "The Bends" (Capitol Records). "She looks like the real thing, she tastes like the real thing, my fake plastic love." Fake plastic love, available at Spencer's for \$24.99.

3. "Do What You Have To Do," Sarah McLachlan "Surfacing" (Arista Records). Seventy percent of relationships happen within the workplace. This song was mentioned as Monica's song to Bill in the Starr Report. How sweet.

2. "How's It Gonna Be," Third Eye Blind (Elektra Records). Great song, sad lyrics, with just a hint of psychosis. Take advantage of Valentine's Day, break up with that loved one and they'll be haunted year after year.

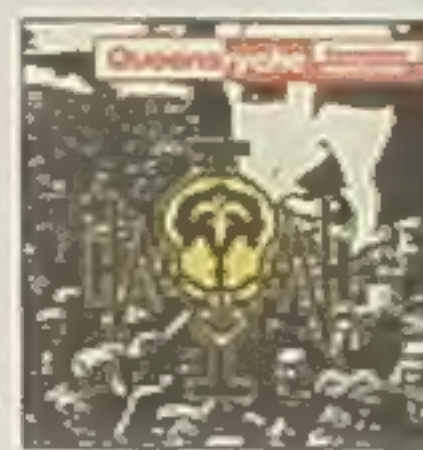
1. "Song For the Dumped," Ben Folds Five "Whatever and Ever Amen" (Sony Music). This is a post-Valentine's day song. You spent all that cash only to be dumped. Bummer. Send the significant other a bill, and don't forget to ask for your black T-shirt back. □



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Campus
Editor



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Arts
Editor



JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

Valentine's Day couples get chance to be "Closer Than Ever"

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

All those seeking a good date place on Valentine's Day need look no further.

The Joplin Little Theatre has risen to the occasion and brought about a show that fits the season perfectly.

On Feb. 5, the JLT opened its musical revue *Closer Than Ever*, one of five shows the theatre puts on during the season.

"The directing staff chooses a number of shows at the beginning of the season and then presents them to the board," said Nadine Schmidt, president of the theatre. "From there, they choose six shows; five during the regular season and one during the summer."

This particular show was chosen because it goes well with Valentine's."

Cecie Fritz, director of the show, agrees. "This performance is about relationships, some tender, some funny, and how they bring people closer together," she said. "I especially like this performance because when you watch it you realize just how many of these situations you've experienced yourself."

Fritz fell in love with the show in 1990 when she saw it in

New York as an off-Broadway production.

"Not only are the themes good, but the music and the songs are written beautifully," she said.

Though Fritz is not new to performing, this is her first time directing.

"It is a lot harder than I thought it would be," she said. "But I am enjoying it very much."

Schmidt expressed confidence in Fritz.

"She really seems excited about her directing debut, and she is doing a good job," Schmidt said.

Fritz said having quality performers makes the job easier. All JLT performers are volunteers.

The only paid personnel at the theatre is a half-time secretary, though the directors often receive a small compensation for their work.

"This particular show is written for four people, but the auditions were so good that we extended the cast to six," Fritz said.

Schmidt, grants writer and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at Missouri Southern, performs in shows both at the College and the JLT.

"I didn't audition for this show because it's about singing and I'm not a singer," she said.

"This show is unique because of the music," Fritz said.

"There is no dialogue, it's just 23 musical short stories. All music and all vocal."

Closer Than Ever features music by David Shire and lyrics by Richard Maltby Jr., the same team that created *Big Baby*, and *Starting Here, Starting Now*.

Fritz also adds though there is nothing offensive within the show, it is written for a mature audience and probably is not something children would find interesting.

"It's pretty much a thinking person's show, directed toward an intelligent audience," she said.

Though most of the performers for this show are older working people, cast member Kendra Smith is a Southern senior secondary education major.

"She's been in a number of our productions, as well as at the College," Fritz said.

"It is neat to see how the show has affected the cast as well as the audiences. Even though the ages of the performers vary, we've really become close friends."

Performances continue today, Saturday, and Sunday at 8 p.m. A second Valentine's Day performance is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling the box office at 623-3638.

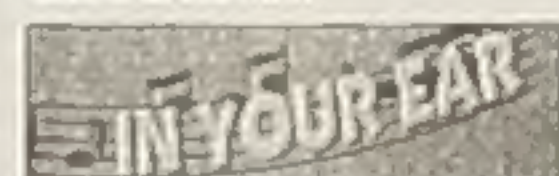
Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. □

Arts Showcase

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Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Eric Gruber at 625-9311.



■ CAB presents *Galen*—Jazz flautist on Thursday, Feb. 18. Lecture, 2 p.m. "The History of Jazz," Webster 105, performance in Webster Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more info call 625-9320

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Joplin Little Theatre "Closer Than Ever"

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JLT "Closer Than Ever"

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JLT holds auditions for 84 Charing Cross Road through the 16.

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7:30 p.m.—

St. Cecilia Trio, St. Phillips Episcopal Church

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Grants fund health needs for local and rural areas

Recently, grants have provided funding for local and rural health services. Programs and equipment that otherwise would not be available in the four-state area were recently awarded to the Mercy Regional Health Foundation. The board of directors of the Mercy Regional Health Foundation at St. John's Regional Medical Center, Joplin, approved grants totaling \$27,768 at the January quarterly meeting.

A grant of \$3,500 was awarded to the Newton County Missouri Tactical Action Group to train people for a medical support team. This team would be used for law enforcement actions that may result in medical emergencies.

The Baxter Springs, Kan., Volunteer Fire Department received \$4,813 to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera to aid in locating people in burning buildings and other situations when people are missing.

A matching grant of \$2,995 and fund raising assistance was awarded to the Altamont/Mount Pleasant, Kan., Fire Department to purchase a portable suction unit, portable radios, and a defibrillator, used to restart hearts.

The Labette County Medical Center in Parsons, Kan., received \$10,000 to purchase a treadmill, crash cart, and defibrillator for a planned expansion of its services.

A grant of \$4,000 was awarded to the Golden City, Mo., Volunteer Fire Department to purchase equipment.

St. John's Regional Medical Center Oncology Services in Joplin received \$460 to purchase a stereo, scented oils, art work, music and videos, TV trays, and greenery for the outpatient chemotherapy day room.

The Mercy Regional Health Foundation is funded through donations. These donations come in the form of memberships in the Annual Giving Club, bequests in the wills of four-state area residents, and the annual fund-raising event, "Blast From the Past," as well as other donations. Since 1988, the foundation has provided more than \$2.5 million in health programs, services, and life-saving equipment to benefit local and rural residents in the four-state area. □

Earnings reach record high for Leggett & Platt, Inc.

A Carthage-based company that makes bedding and furniture components, Leggett & Platt, Inc. said Wednesday that its earnings and sales reached record level in the fourth quarter of 1998. Last year, sales rose 15.8 percent to \$3.37 billion from sales of \$2.91 billion in 1997. Earnings rose 19 percent to \$248 million from \$208.3 million in 1997, and earnings per share jumped to \$1.24 from \$1.08. In the most recent quarter, sales rose to \$837.7 million from sales of \$767.8 million in last year's period. Earnings per share rose to 31 cents from 28 cents. □

Joplin Community Clinic in need of sponsors

Donations are needed by The Joplin Community Clinic, which is staffed entirely by volunteers. The donations are needed to purchase medicines and medical supplies. The clinic provides free medical services to about 70 patients every Thursday. To sponsor a day's clinic, people should send \$250. All donation are accepted. Donations should be mailed to the Joplin Community Clinic, 502 Pearl Ave., Joplin MO 64802. □

Garage sale on Feb. 13 to benefit local charity

The Children's Miracle Network will benefit from a "Cabin Fever" garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory, 2000 West 32nd St., Joplin. The event is sponsored by the 203rd "Horn Dawg" Retirees Association and the 203rd Engineers Battalion to benefit Children's Miracle Network, which is located at 1102 West 32nd Street. Interested persons may contact Sandie Morgan at (417) 625-6639. □

JASPER COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Jasper County confronts pornography

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Activities to arouse sexual desire are alive and well in Jasper County.

Petitions have been circulated in Carthage churches to request legal action against two establishments promoting erotic behavior in that community.

The prosecuting attorney's office has also received complaints about an adult video store near Sarcosie.

"At the present time, I am not aware of any criminal statute that

they are violating," said Dean Dankelson, Jasper County prosecuting attorney. "There is nothing our office can do against either establishment [in Carthage]."

"With the store in Sarcosie, we do have a charge pending against one of the employees of the store. A warrant has been issued for his arrest on the charge of promoting obscenity. That is a state statute."

Currently, the county commission is powerless to enact any provision by county ordinance to prevent these types of activities, he said. The prosecuting attorney's office has to act on state statute

alone. The commission is empowered to regulate few things, which include sewers and setting speed limits on roads, Dankelson said.

Only with zoning or changing to a charter form of government is the county commission able to act legally against these types of businesses.

"Pornography is not a zoning issue in this community," said Richard Largent, Joplin municipal planner. "There are some properties that are zoned for adult entertainment, but we do not have any."

Zone C-3 designates live enter-

tainment, but retail goods are included in goods which may be sold in those areas.

Unless the people in the business violate one of the specific criminal statutes, nothing can be done, Dankelson said.

Those involved will claim their constitutional right of free speech and expression. At some point in time, however, the rights of the community may overpower it. Dankelson believes county planning and zoning is a protection rather than a restriction.

This type of authority must be in place to keep such enterprises out

of the county.

"With it, you can protect the individual freedoms and protect the interests of society," he said.

There are three ways something can be done in this matter: pass legislation on a state level to outlaw these types of establishments; enact county zoning, which must be viewed and approved by the voters, to prohibit these activities; or change the entire system of county government to a charter form. This would allow the commissioners to pass ordinances to control or prohibit any such operation. □

MAIN STREET JOPLIN



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Proud owner DeAnne Benms of Baxter Springs Kan., grooms 3-year-old Robroy. Caretaker Howard Brooner, also of Baxter Springs, helps in the beautification of the horse. Robroy will take part in the Valentine's Day carriage rides downtown Joplin on Sunday.

Carriage rides set for lovers

By JO BETH HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Main Street Joplin is providing something special to residents for the upcoming holiday weekend.

Carriage rides are available Saturday evening for romantics celebrating Valentine's Day a day early. Starting at 6 p.m. and going until 10 p.m., the ride will create a romantic atmosphere against the backdrop of Joplin's historic downtown.

"We're providing this service to bring people downtown," said Kimberly Gilman, assistant director of Main Street Joplin.

She said people can never really see all of the beautiful architecture of the older buildings in downtown Joplin because they are driving down Main Street. When a person is strolling down the sidewalk or seated in a carriage, he or she has the opportunity to look around at the buildings.

The carriage ride idea stemmed from happenings in other towns. The Plaza in Kansas City offers similar services, as does Pierce City on special occasions. The event this week-

end will actually be the second of such occasions for Main Street Joplin, which first offered carriage rides for people on New Year's Eve.

"We had a large turnout of couples, so we thought it would be a good idea to do this for Valentine's Day as well," Gilman said.

The ride will start at Sixth and Main in front of the Newman Building. The carriage will take its occupants down Main Street, Virginia Avenue, and Joplin Street and end back at the Newman Building. It will take approximately 15 minutes, according to Gilman.

The white carriage will be decorated for Valentine's Day with ribbons and flowers, and will be drawn by a black Clydesdale horse. The carriage is in vis à vis style, meaning face to face in French. There are two seats, holding up to six adults.

The horse and carriage is provided by The Carriage Trade Company, run by a family from Baxter Springs, Kan. They also provide services for weddings, parades, or any special event.

In order to have a carriage ride on Valentine's Day, reservations are required. The price for the ride is \$5

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Kimberly Gilman
Assistant Director of
Main Street Joplin

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per person or \$8 per couple. Reservations may be made over the phone by calling 624-1060, or stopping by 402 Main St.

Other Main Street businesses will be holding special events for Valentine's Day.

"Many people I've spoken to said that they are walking over for the carriage ride after they have dinner at one of the restaurants on Main Street," Gilman said. "And, I have heard that a few restaurants are staying open for coffee and mochas after hours." □

ROPER HONDA

New location offers modern, hi-tech facility

Honda brings family atmosphere

By VINCE SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

As Joplin continues to expand, the local Roper car lots have done some spreading of their own to better fit the needs of the city.

For the past 40 years, Roper Pontiac has been open in Joplin. Don Johnson, retired service manager, still devotes his free time to the business. According to Johnson, Roper Pontiac also sells GMC, Buick, Honda, and Subaru vehicles.

Roper Honda, in conjunction with Roper Pontiac, has been open almost three weeks in a separate location at Newman Road and Range Line.

"We did this because Honda has grown," Johnson said. "Corporations urged them to be separated. Honda has grown since 1974."

Rick Brown, general manager of Roper Honda, is pleased with the progress. Complete sales are now being made. There is also service and parts for both new and used cars.

One of the main attractions at Honda Roper is the indoor center. Brown said this is a new custom-built Honda facility, which is the first one in Missouri.

"This is designed to be a warm, friendly, and casual environment," he said. "It's open and consumer friendly."

One of the interesting features in the indoor facility is the information center.

"It's supposed to be casual," Brown said. "Customers can do research without any pressure. They can have coffee and visit in a comfortable setting."

There is also a play center that includes a television and VCR. Brown says children love it.

Another attraction in the building is the customer waiting center. This area has a color satellite television and a built-in work station with a courtesy phone and modem for laptop.

Brown is proud of the service department as well. It has a complete service and express quick lube.

"We are dedicated to race the car in and out," he said.

Thus far, Brown believes the response from the customers has been outstanding. He says they enjoy the facility.

"There are about seven new and used car facilities in Joplin," Brown said. "We felt the location of the city was moving north, and with Southern and the Northpark Mall, we thought it would be a good location and has proven to be."

One of the main reasons the stores split was to focus on serving the customers better. Brown says although there are no special set discounts, Roper Honda will cater special pricing toward the students and faculty of Southern.

"We would like to invite everyone to come out and view the facility," he said. "They owe it to themselves. We would love to have them."

"I hope it works," Johnson said. "If not, a lot of money goes down the creek, but it has been popular. I see no reason beyond a shadow of doubt for this to be a failure. I think it will definitely strengthen the business." □

UNITY CHURCH OF JOPLIN

Area church participates in kindness week

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Joplin is currently celebrating its first year as part of the nationally recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 8-14. The Unity Church of Joplin is participating in kindness activities that include children's benefits and promotion of the movement.

"We will be collecting teddy bears and other stuffed animals during Kindness Week for distribution to local police, fire departments, and other local agencies," said Eva McAdams, Unity Church member.

The teddy bears will be used to comfort children who have lost their toys in a fire or some other type of emergency situation.

According to McAdams, three locations are set up for collection: Northpark Mall in the center court; Unity Church, 2402 E. 20th; and the Big Nickel, 2914 E. 20th.

A "Kindness Garden" has also been established from the money Unity Church has received from button sales.

McAdams encourages Missouri Southern students to get involved.

"The Psychology Club participated by passing out hot chocolate in front of the education building," she said.

Tips for people in the community include working with local schools, businesses, and merchants to raise pennies for a "Kindness Park" or other community beautification projects. The idea is that even though the pennies do not seem to have much value, when combined, each kind act, like each penny, does make a difference.

Another idea is to host a community event and invite role models, such as local sports figures, to public events to speak about the importance kindness has played in their lives.

According to Melissa Fumia, Random Acts of Kindness Foundation director, the founda-

tion is celebrating its fifth year as a nationally recognized movement and continues to gain awareness.

"Our foundation spreads awareness by getting the word out about how we can make the world a better place," Fumia said.

Part of the philosophy behind Random Acts of Kindness Week includes many things that require time and energy but are not hard on the wallet.

By getting involved in performing individual acts of kindness or by activating groups such as clubs, churches, or workplaces to express acts of good will, the goal of participation is achieved. □

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SENATE

Student regents may find way behind doors

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.— Expanding the role of student regents across the state is the aim of a bill hoping to see the Senate floor this session.

Senate Bill 238, sponsored by assistant majority floor leader Ken Jacobs (D-Columbia), would allow student regents, or student members of similar college boards, to be included in closed meetings.

Jacobs, who thinks the measure would allow for greater input from students, cites the recent removal of the University of Missouri-Columbia's chancellor, a decision made during a closed Board of Curators meeting. Students at the university were dissatisfied with the decision, Jacobs said.

"The board had no idea the student body would react so strongly," he said. "Maybe they could have consulted the student leader before the action."

Jacobs thinks there is importance in conducting closed meetings, but that board members need the student perspective.

Steve Carlton, Missouri Southern Board of Regents president, would be comfortable including student regents in closed meetings.

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student regent

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"With the understanding that the person would have the same confidentiality requirements we have, I would see no problem," he said. "The criteria is the same for the student representative as it is for a board member."

The Southern student regent normally is a member of the Missouri Southern Student Senate and is selected by the governor. Board members are also chosen by governor selection.

"Because of the selection process, the student regent would be someone who has the best interests of the students at heart," Carlton said. "He/she would be acting as a student and not simply as an appointee of the governor."

Christin Mathis, Southern's student regent, says she thinks the move could be positive for colleges and universities, but warns that this would put a greater responsibility on both student regents and the selection process.

"I think it would provide a new perspective into those (closed) meetings by the student regent and, ultimately, the student body," she said. "It will also cause the governor to choose a person who will be able to uphold the confidentiality that is required."

Mathis says a student may be able to bring new ideas to closed meetings.

"It's good to have a student voice because they may be in touch with the faculty and the community, but at times a student voice could be essential," she said.

Jacobs says by including the student member, colleges send a message to the students.

"The message would be that the school cares about student input," he said.

Jacobs, who sponsored the bill establishing student positions on college and university boards that went into effect 16 years ago, says this is just a way of improving it. □

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS

Gorbachev to present during CMSU celebration

Mikhail Gorbachev will be the keynote speaker for the annual Excellence in Governance Day celebration at Central Missouri State University on Wednesday, March 3 in Hendricks Hall.

Gorbachev's presentation is set for 7 p.m. A question and answer session will follow.

The recipient of the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize for helping to end the Cold War, Gorbachev was the last president of the Soviet Union.

During his tenure from 1985 to 1991, he streamlined and decentralized the oppressive system he inherited and worked to secure relations with the West.

He signed two broad disarmament pacts with the United States and ended Communist rule in Eastern Europe.

Gorbachev's remarks follow the presentation of the 1999 James C. Kirkpatrick Excellence in Governance Award to CMSU President Ed Elliott.

The award is presented annually by CMSU's Student Government Association.

Tickets are free and will be available to the general public March 1-3.

Requests for tickets must be made in person from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Hendricks Hall lobby. Phone requests will not be honored. □

Cancer education group appoints SMSU provost

Southwest Missouri State University's provost has been elected president-elect of the American Association for Cancer Education (AACE).

Dr. Charles Kupchella was elected during a recent business meeting of the national organization. He will serve a one-year term as president-elect, during which he will organize the program for the group's next annual meeting. Kupchella then will serve a one-year term as AACE president.

"Although the responsibility is a little awesome, it is certainly an honor to have been slated for the presidency of this great multidisciplinary organization," he said. "Cancer education is a long-standing career interest of mine, and it's really nice to have been recognized by my peers in this way."

Kupchella worked as associate director of the Cancer Research Center at the University of Louisville from 1973 to 1979 and helped plan the J.G. Brown Cancer Center in that city.

In 1987, he published a book, *Dimensions of Cancer*.

The AACE was founded in 1947 as the Cancer Coordinators, an association of cancer educators from U.S. medical and dental schools. □

Former president serving at UMKC's temporarily

The University of Missouri-Kansas City has named a music professor and former president of a public urban university as its interim chancellor.

Dr. Gordon Lamb succeeds UMKC Chancellor Eleanor Brantley Schwartz, who announced her desire to retire from administrative responsibilities Jan. 13. Lamb, who said he will not be a candidate for permanent appointment, will head the UMKC campus while a national search is undertaken for a new chancellor.

"Dr. Lamb has just the background and outlook we need at this juncture in the life of the University of Missouri-Kansas City," said Dr. Manuel Pacheco, president of the University of Missouri System. "He is an effective administrator, he has dealt for years with the special challenges facing a public, urban university, he has outstanding academic credentials, and he is attuned to the performing arts, which are so much a part of our Kansas City campus."

Lamb, 64, was president of Northeastern Illinois University, in the metropolitan Chicago area, from 1986 to 1995. He served as interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside from July 1997 to March 1998. □

LOOKIN' GOOD



School children from the St. Louis area take a tour of the capitol building and bring their lunch along during a visit the group took to Jefferson City last week.

GINNY DUMOND/The Chart

HIGHER EDUCATION —

Program provides tax cuts

Treasurer offering investment plan

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Two of everyone's favorite money-related words are to be included in describing one of Missouri's new post-high school funding programs.

Tax cuts and savings are key words used in the MOSTARS (Missouri Student Assistance Resource Services) Higher Education Savings Program.

While the program may bear the MOSTARS name, Dan Peterson, MOSTARS deputy director, said the state treasurer's office will hold most of the responsibility for implementation.

"We're working with them at the staff level," Peterson said. "And, the commissioner of higher education serves on the board which will oversee this."

The new investment program is a savings project that will allow Missouri residents to invest up to \$8,000 with the state treasurer's office for post-secondary education of nearly any kind, according to Chuck Miller, communications director for the treasurer's office.

"The benefit is that you get to defer some taxes in order to pay for education after high school," Miller said.

Post-secondary education, in this case, Miller said, includes, but is not limited to, four-year institutions.

"This could be anything from cosmetology school to Harvard," he said.

The legislation to implement the program was passed last year. However, Miller said some important decisions are left to be made.

Many of the decisions stem from the investment angle of the program.

"They are deciding who is going to be our vendor and manage our money," he said.

"They" refers to the board that will oversee the funds that come in through investments.

Getting the greatest advantage possible for Missourians both in the area of savings and tax cuts are important factors in determining the regulations that will govern the program, Miller said.

"We're modeling the plan to make sure it's consistent with federal regulations so everyone can take advantage of all the tax benefits the IRS offers," he said. □

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

"If you directly inhale the anhydrous ammonia into your lungs, it can freeze and kill you instantly."

Representative tries to strengthen meth law

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.— By making what may appear to be a minute change in current legislation, Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) hopes to make a big difference in the handling of methamphetamine cases.

House Bill 69 would make it a Class D felony to attempt to steal any amount of anhydrous ammonia, a chemical that can be used to make used to make meth.

"When we did the meth legislation last year, there was a big push to get some tough statutes," Elliott said.

Because of the nature of the ingredients used in processing meth and new regulations, Elliott says restrictions have to be tough.

"You can go into any Wal-Mart store and buy it (the ingredients) any day," he said.

Anhydrous ammonia, often used for fertilizer in farming, is not a chemical that can be purchased over the counter, but the substance is useful in making a new kind of meth.

"The thing about anhydrous ammonia is that it allows for a cold-cooking process," Elliott said.

He told the story of a Webb City man who ran the cold-cooking process out of his car.

"He could actually drive down the road and cold-cook meth," he said.

Elliott believes the bottom line of his bill is safety of police officers. Often the anhydrous ammonia is stored by individual farmers in a gas form in mobile tanks.

Elliott said the act of stealing the gas can be dangerous, and if officers have to wait for the actual process to begin, it can cause serious injury.

He said Jasper County officials were recently in an arrest situation where the perpetrator used the chemical as a weapon. While the attempt failed, Elliott said officers could have avoided the situation if they had been able to arrest the assailant prior to gas being drawn out of its tank.

"If you directly inhale the anhydrous ammonia into your lungs, it can freeze and kill you instantly," he said.

"We've got these officers laying themselves on the line, and we need to give them as much protection as possible."

Elliott said the impact of meth on the Joplin

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area hit home with him when two members of his son's graduating class were arrested for use.

"These were boys who had played at our house when they were little," he said. "That's close. This is some nasty, nasty stuff."

The bill is now on the non-controversial bills calendar, and Elliott says it may be voted on before the end of the month. □

PRE 1870

Turmoil gives way to progress

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Motivated by the tales of an adventurer, a Tennessean named John C. Cox moved his young bride to a desolate corner of Missouri in 1838. A year earlier, the area along Turkey Creek he occupied was threatened by Osage Indians.

"Cox came here because...he fell in love with the area," said Brad Belk, director of the Joplin Museum Complex.

Cox was the first permanent white settler in the area.

Cox was followed by the Rev. Harris G. Joplin, a Methodist minister. Eventually the town that was incorporated would bear his name as well.

"We had dozens of names, but finally they settled on Joplin," Belk said.

The name wasn't decided upon until 1873. Ironically, Joplin left Jasper County in 1844. He would help found Mount Vernon in Lawrence County before his death in

Springfield, Green County, around 1850.

In 1841, Cox built a new cabin with a store and a post office. He named the structures Blythville after a Cherokee living nearby.

According to tradition, Cox's slave boy Pete discovered lead and zinc along Joplin Creek sometime around 1850. Before that, other mineral deposits had been discovered in the region. But, poor transportation kept the wealth from being exploited until after the Civil War.

There is no evidence to suggest that Cox supported either side in the Civil War. However, Blythville was destroyed in June 1863 by Maj. Thomas Livingston and 40 rebel guerrillas.

There are conflicting accounts of where the Cox family stayed during the war.



John C. Cox
Early Settler

G.K. Renner, a former Missouri Southern history professor, wrote in his book *Joplin: From Mining Town to Urban Center* that the Cox family fled to a federal garrison at Neosho. Belk's account is similar; he said Cox left diaries and other primary sources for historians.

However, another book places the Cox family at home during a raid.

In their book *Civil War in the Ozarks*, Phillip W. Steele and Steve Cottrell wrote, "Cox may have been killed by the men who burned his home had it not been for the heroism of one of his daughters. Sensing that the raiders were intending to shoot her father, Sally Cox quickly moved in front of John, shielding him with her body."

The guerrillas were impressed with her courage and spared John's life.

Cox died Jan. 23, 1890, and was buried in Cox Cemetery.

Jasper County was devastated during the war. The three largest towns, Carthage, Sarcosie, and Sherwood (now part of Carl Junction), lay in ruin. □



Taken in June 1879, this photo shows the Joplin Opera House, located at Second and Main. It seated 600 people and burnt in November 1881 after a performance.

1870s

Camps form single city

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In August 1870, Elliott R. Moffet and John M. Sergeant's discovery caused a chain reaction that evolved Joplin into the city it is today.

On 10 acres of land they had leased from John Cox, the pair sank a shaft and hit a vein of lead ore, which in the end was worth around \$60,000.

Dr. Virginia Laas, associate professor of history at Missouri Southern, said this strike turned Joplin into a sudden boom town.

"It was just a wonderful discovery of lead, and it brought miners here just as quickly as they could get here," she said. "We quickly developed into two camps."

Joplin City came into being on July 28, 1871, and was centered around Broadway and Cox streets. On Sept. 4, 1871, Patrick Murphy founded Murphysburg, which centered around Fourth and Main.

In efforts to help lessen lawlessness and other problems, Murphy helped get the process started that would unite the two towns.

On March 14, 1872, Union City was born, but according to G.K. Renner's book *Joplin: From Mining Town to Urban Center*, jealousy between the two groups redivided the town.

Not long after this, a vote was held that showed the approval of the people to reunite the two towns.

On March 23, 1873, the city of Joplin was born. Murphy gave up the name of Murphysburg as an act of faith for the survival of the town.

Brad Belk, director of the Joplin Museum Complex, agrees the people would have wanted the merger between the towns.

"It was just a wonderful discovery of lead, and it brought miners here just as quickly as they could get here."

Dr. Virginia Laas
Associate Professor of
History



Patrick Murphy
Founding Father

"These mining communities sprouted out everywhere, two different areas just almost adjacent, but yet co-existed for a period of time and then found that being so close together that consolidation was the only place to go," he said. "There was probably some trouble, but the average person didn't hate the other person across the way, and if there would have been that case, then they never would have gotten together to begin with."

Laas said in the early days of a mining town, anyone who wanted a mine could have had one.

"It was a particular type of mining; everybody could be an owner/operator," she said. "The lead was so shallow that two men could form a partnership and with a pick ax, shovel, a bucket, and a windlass, they could sink a shaft. So miners here always thought of themselves as potential mine owners."

Laas said even though they were able to own and control a mine, they would not necessarily become wealthy from it.

"Not many of them made it big," she said. "The ones who made it big quickly got out of the mining end and either bought land and leased it to other miners or they went into manufacturing or other kinds of business." □

THE PLACE TO BE



The Club Theater was built in 1891 by the Joplin Club. The building served a dual role as both a club house and a theater.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART/Courtesy of Joplin Museum Complex

1880s, 1890s

Joplin nears 20th century

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

During the span of time between the 1880s and 1890s, Joplin began to develop into a larger, more industrious city. Mining was a growing industry, but at the same time business and commercialism was also on the rise.

"In the 1880s and the 1890s, Joplin was a town that was quickly growing, from mining to business," said Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history.

One of the greatest changes for Joplin came in 1881, with the introduction of water works. People had hydrants in their yards, water in their kitchens, and septic tanks and sewers for the first time.

The first electric light plant was established in 1887 by W.G. Sergeant. Noisy electric street lights were put up around the town. Artificial gas was used to light homes until the electric light plant began to offer service.

During the 1880s, there was a large movement to unite the east and west Joplin school districts. In 1889, the voters approved a consolidation.

In 1887, the citizens of Joplin voted on becoming a third-class city to open the way for civic improvements. Joplin's mining town image was quickly changing to that of a city and so was its appearance. Soon streets were paved, construction of sewer lines was under way, and the empowerment of police forces was established.

Population growth was another issue for Joplin in the 80s and 90s. From 1880 to 1890, the census showed a population increase of 40 percent. With the railroading and machinery, Joplin was becoming a Tri-State district.

In the 1890s, the first social organization, The Joplin Club, was established, making it the first semblance of a Chamber of Commerce.

"There was a lot of growth problems at that time and a little bit of lawlessness, too," Schmidt said.

Taken from *The History of Jasper County*, 1883, author North described Joplin in a positive manner.

"Behold her, the wonder of the west, a splendid city...today a metropolitan city of fabulous wealth. Judging from the past and considering present advantages, it is reasonably safe to predict that within the next ten years, Joplin will be a city of at least 30,000 inhabitants." □



Shown above is Main Street around the turn of the century. In the background, the 1892 Keystone Hotel can be recognized by the spire. The trolleys represent the public transportation of the day.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART/Courtesy of Joplin Museum Complex



Sophomore forward Sara Jones is a versatile player who can shoot from long distance or take the ball inside.

Fundamentals help Jones get ahead

By ROBBY BALL
STAFF WRITER

Whether shooting from the outside or putting on a spin move down low, 6-foot sophomore forward Sara Jones brings many elements to the Missouri Southern women's basketball team.

This season, she averages 10 points and five rebounds a game and has been looked upon to carry much of the scoring load.

Head coach Amy Townsend said her scoring potential is phenomenal.

"I think Sara has been playing great, and we expect her to score in double digits every game," Townsend said. "She has the potential to score 18 or 20 points a game. It's very hard to stop her."

Jones, a sophomore from Oklahoma Union High School, has had her share of ups and downs.

"I started as a freshman in high school, and we came real close to winning state twice," Jones said. "We were finally able to bring home the trophy my senior year."

Jones has been involved in basketball nearly her life.

"My dad has coached since I was born," she said. "I was just always around it, and started playing."

As a result of her father's assistance, Jones is the team's most fundamentally sound player, according to Townsend.

"You can tell that Sara was taught well in her

younger years," Townsend said. "I don't think I have ever coached a player who played this fundamentally well early in her college career."

Jones, the Lady Lions' Newcomer of the Year for 1997-98, admitted that she has learned a thing or two about the college game in her two-year stint.

She said things were not the same as they were when she played in high school.

"The level of play really rises at this level," she said. "You have to play much faster than you did in high school."

Being in the game for so long, Jones likes the friendships made during the season.

"I love the camaraderie of our team," she said. "We are like a family."

Southern was among some junior colleges vying for Jones' talents.

"I had a really good visit here when I came," she said. "I liked the school and how the program was developing."

Jones says her fondest moment was winning the state championship in high school.

"We had tried before and lost in the area finals," she said. "We were finally able to go all the way and get the gold ball."

With two more years left in Southern, Jones will be able to lead and teach the younger ones coming up behind her.

"I think learning the level of play early has helped me a lot," she said. "I'll be able to teach the younger ones what it takes to succeed at this level, but have some fun, too."

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Amy Townsend
Lady Lions' head basketball coach

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A biology major with a psychology minor, Jones is able to weigh the classwork with the demands of athletics.

"It can get tough sometimes when they all run together," she said. "But you deal with the stress and take them one at a time." □



Senior forward Brian Taylor dribbles to the basket against Lincoln University on Monday.

Taylor's work done outside of box scores

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

In every household there are jobs no one wants to do, such as taking out the trash, washing the windows, and scrubbing the floors. The one who takes responsibility for these jobs often ends up feeling like Cinderella on the night her sisters go to the ball.

Though Robert Corn is no wicked stepmother, he certainly has found a "Cinderella" in senior forward Brian Taylor.

"Brian does the dirty work," said Corn, the men's head basketball coach. "He is the one who sets everyone else up to get the big stats. I cannot count the number of points we have come up with because of the hard screens he sets for other players and the loose balls that he comes up with."

Taylor characterizes himself as a "hard-working team player" who gladly accepts his role on the court.

"Somebody has got to do it," he said. "And since I have no skills, I feel obligated to."

Rather than feel resentment toward those who reap the benefit of his "lack of skills," Taylor said he enjoys it.

"I really do not look for the stat sheet at the end of the game," he said. "If everybody else is doing well, then I am happy."

Corn said it was that aspect of Taylor's attitude that made him the invaluable player he is.

"Brian is really a blue-collar type player," Corn said. "He comes to play everyday with his hardhat on and gets the job done. He has the intangibles that just do not show up in the box scores. He runs the floor well and plays great defense."

Corn also described Taylor as a "silent leader" whose actions lead on and off the court.

"He is just an outstanding individual," Corn said. "He's not a rah-rah type of player. He leads by example through his work ethic."

"I would have to say that is his greatest asset. I have never seen him just go out and go through the motions. He will go out and do whatever it is we need him to do to get the job done."

Taylor believes playing the game of basketball at the collegiate level is a gift and one he will not take for granted.

"That is why I work so hard," he said. "We are all lucky to be here, me especially because, as I said, I have no skills. I believe that you have to be persistent and take advantage of what has been given to you."

"That is all I am doing. We have a great group of seniors this year who share the responsibility of leadership well. Each one does his part, and I am just trying to do mine." □

MAKIN' NOISE WITH THE BOYS



Damian Purse shouts to Lincoln players through his homemade megaphone during Wednesday night's game at Young Gym.

BASEBALL: Tough opposition prepares Lions for conference schedule

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Eric Jackson, junior right handed pitcher, will take the mound Sunday. Dudinsky has been sidelined the past two years by a string of injuries.

"I hope to start a lot on the mound this year," he said. "My goals are for the team to do well and have a healthy season in I can throw."

"This year I am going all out. I am just going to play, that is all there is to it. I have been hurt the last two years, so it doesn't matter what happens — I am playing."

Turner said Southern can cope with the pressure of the weekend series.

"At Arkansas (ranked 23rd in Division I), we competed well," he said. "We did a lot of good things with a big crowd and everything, but at Oklahoma State (ranked 44th) we didn't do as well, we were a little intimidated."

Southern will have to top Sunday's performance of four errors.

"We played fairly good defense Saturday, Sunday we didn't," Turner said. "We made some defensive errors. We dropped a fly ball in the outfield, we had a ball go through our legs at third, we threw a ball away here and there early in the game."

Turner used the blowout to move some players from the bench to the field.

"Some other guys got a chance to play who have not played, but we learned that each of

us needs to improve on every aspect of the game," he said.

Turner placed some of the blame for the defeat on himself and the other coaches.

"We nowhere claim that we will be Division I athletes," he said. "They have better, stronger athletes than we have, and we know that. We just want to compete and play well and give ourselves a chance to win. We did that Saturday. We didn't do that Sunday, and we walked people. It was a combination of a team effort and coaching the way. I called the pitches, and they hit home runs off pitch — I called."

Freshman outfielder Joey Ballard leads Lion hitters with two doubles and three RBIs in the first two outings. □

LADY LIONS: Truman next for Southern

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guard who can score and get the ball to other people when she can't score. I really think that they are beatable because they are the type of team that tends to overlook lower-ranked teams like us."

The Lady Lions return home for the last two games of the season. Wednesday, they play Missouri-Rolla at 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 20, they face Pittsburg State at 1 p.m.

Two wins would almost ensure

the Lady Lions a berth in the playoffs. After losing to Missouri-Rolla 74-53 on January 20, a win on Wednesday is vital for Southern's post season hopes.

"We have to beat Rolla," Townsend said. "A win against any of our remaining opponents would probably put us there depending on tie-breakers. Our win over Central may have helped us a lot."

The Lady Lions traveled to Missouri Western last night to face the Lady Griffons, but results were not available at press time. □

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Sports Scope

Will anyone
stop Central's
Mule train?By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Another year in MIAA baseball and another championship for Central Missouri State. The Mules captured their 13th and fifth consecutive conference crown in 1998, and most indications point to no near end of their reign.

"If I were to pick the top teams in the conference as I see it, from where I see it, Central Missouri and Pittsburg State are

Jeff Wells
Managing Editor

the top two teams," said Missouri Southern coach Warren Turner.

Wells' Top Four

Four teams have legitimate shots at the top spot, but in the end, the standings will look a lot like last year.

No. 1 Central Missouri (last year 39-8 overall, 20-2 MIAA, third in the nation)

The team is young, but Central has deep wallets and can afford to bring in a stronger staff than the rest of the league. The strong rotation should keep hits to a minimum. Despite an expected drop-off in production, Central will be able to dominate other one-sided teams like Southern thanks to its pitching.

For now, the Mules can relax in a new facility. Come May, they will be playing in the NCAA Division II championship at Montgomery, Ala.

No. 2 Pittsburg State (last year 36-16 overall, 17-5 MIAA)

The Gorillas field essentially the same squad that traveled to the Division II Central Regional last year. Dominated by upperclassmen and junior college transfers, they appear well-rounded on all parts of game. They would love to win their first MIAA title.

No. 3 Emporia State (last year 21-19 overall, 15-10 MIAA)

Last year's fourth place team will play the same role as last year. That may include eliminating Southern in the first round of the tournament if the Lions fall to No. 6.

No. 4 Missouri Southern (last year 21-20 overall, 12-8 MIAA)

The Lions get the nod over Washburn, Northwest Missouri State, and the rest of the pack because of their potential. Southern has yet to prove its worth on the field, but if the Lions are in a pennant race in April or the winner's bracket of the conference tournament, they have the desire to fight to the bitter end.

The team has numerous questions to solve on defense, or errors will slip them out of contention fast.

Freshman Joey Ballard and senior Flavie Darnell will have to propel the offense.

A healthy rotation is much anticipated. However, the wear and tear of Division I play and pre-conference tournaments may affect pitching quality later in the year. Southern is playing four games against national powers before Central even takes the field.

The rest of the pack

Northwest Missouri State is the top contender for upsetting the top four. Washburn, Lincoln, and the University of Missouri-Rolla will be the underdogs. Truman State, Southwest Baptist, and Missouri Western will fight to stay out of the cellar. □

BASEBALL



Sophomore second baseman Shawn Mayes throws to a teammate during batting practice on Wednesday.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—

Southern
levels
LincolnBy ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Monday night, the Lady Lions won their first game since Jan. 9, when they knocked off Central Missouri State 53-50 at home.

The 79-47 victory over Lincoln University kept the Lady Lions in the playoff hunt with four conference games left on the schedule. Head coach Amy Townsend said it felt good to win soundly over the Blue Tigers.

"There have been some teams in the league that struggled against them and didn't beat them by much," Townsend said. "We could have gotten ourselves into a dog fight, but our bench played well enough to build on our lead."

The Lady Lions (6-16 overall, 2-10 MIAA) led by only nine at the end of the first half. They hit 42 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes and eight of nine shots from the line. Southern's second-half showing proved to be the difference as Townsend was able to play all of her bench players and rest her starters.

"It's always good when you can keep some of your top players under 30 minutes a game," she said. "It should be a goal in every game."

Lincoln's poor 32 percent shooting from the floor and 11 turnovers hurt the Blue Tigers en route to being outscored 42-19 in the second half.

Mandy Olson hit seven of 11 from the field and led all scorers with 16 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds. Sara Jones added 14 points. Lyndsey Kenealy scored seven points and had 10 rebounds, and Chara Oldfield had 11 points, six rebounds, and five assists.

On Feb. 4 at Northwest Missouri State, first-half mistakes were too much for Southern to overcome in a 70-61 loss. Kenealy had a career night as she dropped 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds (eight offensive) in 23 minutes. Freshman center Katie Gariss came off the bench to add eight points and five rebounds.

Saturday, the Lady Lions travel to Kirksville to face nationally ranked Truman State. In their last meeting at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, the Lady Bulldogs triumphed 79-59. Townsend said she is confident that the outcome will be different this time.

"You always have to go into every game thinking you can win," she said. "They have a good point

MEN'S BASKETBALL—



Freshman forward Terry Shumpert looks to pass while being guarded by Lincoln University's Antrone Moore. Shumpert scored 18 points in Southern's 81-68 victory at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Lions blast Blue Tigers 81-68 at home

By RUSSELL DAKE
STAFF WRITER

With the final four playoff positions up for grabs, Missouri Southern remained in the thick of things by using a balanced scoring attack, drilling Lincoln University (6-16, 3-9) 81-68 Monday night in Young Gymnasium.

The Lions (10-12, 6-6) placed five players in double digits for the game: Larry Gause, 18; Terry Shumpert, 18; Carlos Newberry, 15; Mario Phillips, 11; and Matt Olson, 10.

Eddin "Guaya" Santiago's driving lay-up attempt with 1.9 seconds remaining was partially blocked as Northwest Missouri State University (16-6, 7-5) held on for a hard-fought 84-83 victory over the Lions Saturday night in Maryville.

Olson netted a game-high 22 points; also in double figures: Phillips, 16; Newberry, 11; and Brian Taylor, 10.

"I've been pleased with the way we have played in our last four games," said head coach Robert Corn. "I think we have been pretty solid, winning three out of the four. We've really played well for four straight games."

Truman State University (14-5, 7-4) is riding a three-game winning streak and currently holds on to the third position in the MIAA standings, percentage points ahead of Washburn University. Southern narrowly defeated Truman State 67-66 Jan. 4 in Joplin.

Saturday, the Lions travel to Kirksville to tangle with the Bulldogs in a key league rematch.

"Our main goal right now is to make the playoffs," said Truman head coach Jack Schrader. "We're still not mathematically in."

"Southern is playing very well; they've got a lot of guys contributing," Schrader said. "They're in the middle with us. We just want to make the playoffs and see what happens."

Razorbacks,
OSU drop LionsBy JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern baseball coach Warren Turner is letting NCAA Division I teams take his Lions to school.

"We play the best teams in the country," Turner said.

Saturday, Southern dropped a 7-6 decision at Arkansas. Sunday, the team was slammed 22-1 by Oklahoma State.

"We are humble, that is a humbling feeling, that makes sure you work and improve, but that's not the end of the world," Turner said.

"Our job is to qualify for the conference tournament and to play well, and this is just part of a learning experience. We have had two

tests, just like in college, we are 0-2 and now we get the 35th-ranked team...Oral Roberts."

Southern will continue the February tradition of facing big schools on their turf with a visit to Tulsa for nine-inning contests Saturday and Sunday.

Although the Lions stole a victory from the Golden Eagles last year, Goliath will look to block David's stone this time.

"They are going to be mad because we beat them last year, so they will be up," Turner said. "We have to go down there for another lecture and an evaluation."

Justin Dudinsky, junior left-handed pitcher, will start Saturday, and

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